Reply of Government.—The seigniorage cannot be reduced. There is enough of wood to meet the requirements of raiyats. The prices will, if possible, be regulated by cubical contents. A report on the subject will be called for from the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 232
Issue of licenses by local officers for timber to raiyats who have no jungles allotted in their taluks.

Summary of discussion.—As there are no jungles in the Honnali Taluk, the raiyats of that taluk are at present obliged to go to other taluks to bring wood, &c., for their requirements under the Raiyats' Privileges Rules. They have to apply first to the Amildar of the Honnali Taluk who grants a certificate after making necessary enquiries. Then they have to go either to the Amildar of Shimoga or to the Deputy Amildar of Kumsi where there are jungles, pay money and obtain licenses. Sometimes the Amildar of Shimoga and the Deputy Amildar of Kumsi decline to grant such licenses. To obviate all this delay and difficulty, an assignment of jungles for the use of the raiyats of the Honnali Taluk may be made from those of the neighbouring Taluk of Shimoga and Sub-Taluk of Kumsi and licenses given after crediting the money in the Honnali Taluk Treasury, copies of such licenses being sent to Shimoga and Kumsi for reference.

Reply of Government.—The wants of the taluk containing jungles are entitled to the first consideration. If there is a surplus left after meeting local requirements, other people can have it. The Deputy Commissioner and the Forest Department will investigate the question. Applications to two Amildars do not seem necessary.

Subject No. 233
Uniform rate for Hebbidaru.

Summary of discussion.—The prices charged for Hebbiduru (thick bamboos) in the Shikarpur Taluk are very high, being Rs. 13 per 100 purchased in Depôts and 6 per 100 removed under a license from forests. Hebbidaru available in this taluk is inferior to that found in Lakkavalli and other parts. The license fee charged in the Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks is only Rs. 2-2-0. It is requested that a uniform rate may be imposed.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Deputy Commissioner for enquiry and report through the Conservator.

Subject No. 234
Free grant of timber to raiyats for building houses in Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—The cost of carriage and the peculiarity oi climatic conditions render it necessary that special concessions should be shown to Malnad raiyats in the matter of timber for building purposes. Permission may therefore be given to such raiyats to fell free of charge all timber of both the reserved and unreserved kinds except teak and a few other superior descriptions of wood. This may at least be allowed until the villagers can grow trees in their soppinbettas and get their own supply.

Reply of Government.—The present rules are sufficiently liberal and need no modification.